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# A FORM OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

To be Uſed

In all Churches and Chappels throughout the Kingdom of *IRELAND*: On the Twenty Fifth Day of *April* 1723, Being the Day appointed by Proclamation for a General Thankſgiving to Almighty God for his Mercy in preſerving us from that dreadful Plague which lately raged in ſome of our Neighbour Countries; And to implore him of his infinite goodneſs to continue his Favour to us, and to deliver us from all other Calamities, which our Sins have juſtly deſerved.

By their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices ſpecial Command.

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On the Twenty-first Day of April,

Day appointed to be observed as a

Day of Public Fasting, Humiliation, and Prayer,

in order to implore the Divine

Blessing upon His Majesty's Arms,

and for averting the Judgments of God,

which our manifold Sins have justly deserved.

# Morning Prayer.

¶ *The Service shall be the same as upon any* Sunday *or* Holiday, *except where it is herein after otherwise ordered.*

¶ *Morning Prayer shall begin with these Sentences.*

WHen the wicked man turneth away from his wickedneſs that he hath committed, and doth that which is lawful and right, he ſhall ſave his ſoul alive. Ezek. 18. 27.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveneſſes, though we have rebelled againſt him. Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he ſet before us. Dan. 9. 9, 10.

¶ *Inſtead of the* Venite exultemus, *the following Hymn ſhall be uſed.*

PRaiſe the Lord, O my ſoul: and all that is within me praiſe his holy Name. Pſ. 103. 1.

Who forgiveth all *our* ſins: and healeth all *our* infirmities. ver. 3.

Who ſaveth *our* life from deſtruction: and crowneth *us* with mercy and loving kindneſs. ver. 4.

ver. 10. He hath not dealt with us after our ſins: nor rewarded us according to our wickedneſs.

Pſ. 116. 11. What reward ſhall *we* give unto the Lord: for all the benefits that he hath done unto *us*.

Pſ. 56. 13. For thou haſt delivered *our* ſouls from death, and *our* feet from falling: that *we* may walk before God in the light of the living.

Pſ. 91. 6. *Thou haſt preſerved us from* the peſtilence that walketh in darkneſs: *and from* the ſickneſs that deſtroyeth in the noon-day.

ver. 7. A thouſand *have* fallen beſide *us*, and ten thouſand at *our* right hand: but it *hath* not come nigh *us*.

Pſ. 118. 23. This is the Lords doing: and it is marvellous in our eyes.

Pſ. 126. 3. The Lord hath done great things for *us*. Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already: whereof we rejoice.

Lam. 3. 22. It is of the Lords mercies that we are not conſumed: becauſe his compaſſions fail not.

Rom. 9. 29. Except the Lord had left us a ſeed: we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha.

Pſ. 6. 9. *But* the Lord hath heard *our* petition: the Lord *hath* received *our* prayer.

Pſ. 116. 15. *Therefore we* offer the ſacrifice of thankſgiving: and call upon the Name of the Lord.

ver. 16. *We* pay now *our* vows unto the Lord in the ſight of all his people: in the courts of the Lords houſe, even in the midſt of thee, O Jeruſalem: Praiſe the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghoſt;

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.* Amen.

¶ *Proper Psalms,* XCI, CXXI, CXLV.

¶ *First Lesson,* 1 Chron. 21.

¶ *Then the* Te Deum.

¶ *Second Lesson,* Rom. 2.

¶ *Then the* Benedictus.

¶ *Then shall be said the Apostles Creed by the Minister, and the People standing.*

¶ *And after that, these Prayers following; all devoutly kneeling, the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice,*

*Minist.* The Lord be with you.
Answ. *And with thy Spirit.*
*Minist.* Let us Pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*
Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Then the Minister, Clerks and People, shall say the Lords Prayer with a loud voice.*

OUr Father, which art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth, As it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our

trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Priest standing up shall say,*

*Priest.* O Lord shew thy mercy upon us.
Answ. *And grant us thy salvation.*
*Priest.* O Lord save the King,
Answ. *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*
*Priest.* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness,
Answ. *And make thy chosen People joyful.*
*Priest.* O Lord save thy People,
Answ. *And bless thine Inheritance.*
*Priest.* Give Peace in our time O Lord,
Answ. *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*
*Priest.* O God make clean our Hearts within us,
Answ. *And take not thy holy Spirit from us.*
*Priest.* O Lord save thy Servants,
Answ. *Who put their Trust in thee.*
*Priest.* Send us help from thy holy place,
Answ. *And evermore mightily defend us.*
*Priest.* O Lord, hear our Prayer,
Answ. *And let our Cry come unto thee.*

¶ *Instead of the Collect for the Day, this that follows shall be used.*

MOST Gracious God, whose Mercy is over all thy Works, and who, for all the Goodness thou shewest to thy Creatures, requirest no other Return, but only the Tribute of an Obedient

ent and Thankful Heart; We the ſinful People of theſe Nations acknowledge thy peculiar Favour to us, in preſerving us from the Devouring Plague with which it pleaſed thee to afflict the neighbouring Kingdoms. We bleſs thy moſt Holy Name for this thy great Mercy toward us, acknowledging that it is to thy Goodneſs alone, and not to any Merit in us that we owe our Deliverance. If thou, Lord, ſhould'ſt have been extreme to mark what we have done amiſs, who could abide it? The Souls thou haſt made would fail before thee, and we had deſcended into the Pit, as others have done, on whom thou haſt been pleaſed to lay thine Hand. But there is Mercy with thee, O Lord, therefore ſhalt thou be feared. It is from that Mercy that we are not conſumed. Make us truly ſenſible of this thy Goodneſs, and let it lead us to Repentance, and awaken our Minds to a deep Senſe of our own unworthineſs, and of thy gracious forbearance toward us, that for the time to come, we may be careful and diligent not to provoke thy Diſpleaſure, and never fail to pay thee that Tribute of Praiſe and Thankſgiving, which is due to thee for this and all other thy Mercies vouchſafed unto us, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *At the end of the* Litany (*which shall this day be used*) *after the Prayer,* We humbly beseech thee O Father, &c. *shall follow.*

O Most holy Lord God, whose Judgments against impenitent Sinners are most severe and terrible, but whose Mercies are great and unspeakable to all them who with hearty Repentance and true Faith turn unto thee; We thine unworthy Servants acknowledge thine infinite Goodness in keeping us safe from that wasting Destruction by which so many of our Neighbours have been consumed; that thou hast shielded us from those Arrows of Death, and covered us under the Wings of thy Mercy, until this thine Indignation was over-past. Give us Grace seriously to consider what returns we ought to make to thee for so signal a Deliverance, and always to remember that we ought to offer to thee not only the Calves of our Lips, but the most entire Affections of our Hearts, avoiding those Sins that provoke thee to send thy Judgments abroad upon the Earth; and practising those Graces and that Holiness which only can make us acceptable in thy sight. Keep us, O Gracious Lord, from presumptuous Sins, that they may no more have dominion over us: Let us no more hear the voice of the Swearer and Blasphemer; Drive away from among us all Atheism and Infidelity; Let Envy, Hatred, and uncharitable Divisions cease; Let true Religion and Piety banish all Profaneness and Contempt of thy holy Word and Ordinances. We confess, with shame, our guilt in all these things,

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and acknowledge thy great Goodneſs in granting us time for Repentance. Give us, we beſeech thee, thy Grace, which alone can enable us to make a right uſe of thy forbearance. O merciful God, as thou only canſt pardon ſins, ſo thou alone canſt cure the madneſs of the People, who are guilty of them: Be pleaſed therefore to ſhew thy Power in ſubduing our ſtubborn Wills, and mortifying our corrupt Affections; giving us Hearts to love and fear thee, and ever to bear in mind the greatneſs of thy Patience and Goodneſs toward us; for which let us always bleſs and magnifie thy Holy Name, and glorifie thee with thy bleſſed Son our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, in the Unity of the Holy Ghoſt, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ſhall follow the Prayer for the Chief Governours.*

¶ *After the general Thankſgiving, ſhall be us'd the following Prayer.*

WE humbly acknowledge before thee, O moſt merciful Father, that all the Puniſhments which are threatned in thy law might juſtly have fallen upon us by reaſon of our manifold Tranſgreſſions and hardneſs of Heart, yet ſeeing it hath pleaſed thee of thy tender Mercy upon our weak and unworthy Humiliation, to preſerve us from the Contagious Sickneſs wherewith our Neighbour Countries have been afflicted, and to remove out of our Land the Fears and Terrors of that deſtroying Plague and Death which lately

threatned us, We offer unto thy divine Majesty the Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving, lauding and magnifying thy Glorious Name for such thy Preservation and Providence over us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then follows the Prayer of St. Chrysostom.*

ALmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

2 *Cor.* 13. 14.

THe Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

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# THE Communion Service.

¶ *After the Collect for the King, instead of the Collect for the Day, shall be us'd the Collect following.*

Most gracious God, whose Mercy is over all thy Works, *&c. As in the Morning Prayer.*

¶ *For the Epistle,* 1. Kings, Cap. 8. Vers. 37,

IF there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be catterpiller; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities, whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be; What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the

plague of his own heart, and ſpread forth his hands towards this houſe: Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whoſe heart thou knoweſt; (for thou, even thou only knoweſt the hearts of all the children of men,) That they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gaveſt unto our fathers. Moreover, concerning a ſtranger that is not of thy people Iſrael, but cometh out of a far countrey, for thy names ſake; (For they ſhall hear of thy great name, and of thy ſtrong hand, and of thy ſtretched out arm) when he ſhall come and pray towards this houſe: Hear thou in heaven, thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the ſtranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as do thy people Iſrael, and that they may know that this houſe which I have builded, is called by thy name.

¶ *The Goſpel. St.* Luke, Cap. 17. verſ. 11.

AND it came to paſs, as he went to Jeruſalem, that he paſſed through the midſt of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entred into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which ſtood afar off: And they lifted up their voices, and ſaid, Jeſus Maſter, have mercy on us. And when he ſaw them, he ſaid unto them, Go ſhew your ſelves unto the Prieſts. And it came to paſs, that as they went, they were cleanſed. And one of them when he ſaw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole.

¶ *After the* Nicene Creed *shall follow the Sermon.*

¶ *At the Offertory repeat these Sentences.*

LEt your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven. *Matt.* 5. 16.

Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do unto them: for this is the law and the prophets. *S. Matth.* 7. 12.

¶ *After the Prayer for the whole State of Christ's Church militant here in Earth, shall be us'd the Prayers following.*

O Merciful Father, who hast commanded us to rejoice, with them that rejoice, and that Supplications, Prayers, Intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all Men; We presume to approach the Throne of thy Grace, not only in behalf of our selves, whom thou hast covered from the arrows of death, and preserved from what we feared: But likewise in behalf of our Neighbour Nations, whom thou hast made to drink deep of the Cup of thy Wrath, rendring thee thanks that in the midst of Judgment thou hast remembered Mercy towards them, and

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haſt commanded the deſtroying Angel to ſtay his hand, that thou didſt not ſuffer thy whole diſpleaſure to ariſe, but haſt put an happy End to their Sufferings, and our Fears. We beſeech thee to grant, that we and they, and all mankind may make a right uſe of theſe Examples of thy Puniſhments and Mercies, and by them be taught ſo to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wiſdom, that we may always fear thy Juſtice and adore thy Goodneſs, and at laſt attain thy Heavenly Kingdom, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O God who of thine infinite goodneſs didſt ſend thy Son our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt to make known thy Truth and Will unto Mankind, who before his Aſcenſion into Heaven, did command his Apoſtles to preach the Goſpel unto all Nations; we moſt humbly beſeech thee, that as by thy good Providence, thou haſt been pleaſed to bring us to the Knowledge and Profeſſion of this thy Goſpel in its Truth and Purity, ſo thou wouldſt be pleaſed for ever to keep us and our Poſterity, with all firmneſs and ſincerity of heart in the ſame. Bring all Jews, Turks, Infidels and Hereticks into the fold of thy Church, and carry the Reformation to the remoteſt parts of the Earth. Preſerve thy Goſpel from being corrupted by Errour, Superſtition and Idolatry, and all thoſe who profeſs it in its Truth and Purity, from Perſecution and the malice of their enemies. And ſtrengthen the hands of our gracious Soverign King *George* and his Poſterity after him, that they

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may always be Defenders of the true Faith at home, and Protectors of those who profess it abroad, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then these Prayers shall be added.*

Assist us mercifully O Lord, &c.

Almighty God, who hast promised, &c.

¶ *Then the Blessing shall be given.*

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